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1. SUMMARY. MINISTER OF ECONOMICS LAMBSDORFF HAS
PLANNED AN EXTENSIVE THREE WEEK TRIP FROM AUGUST 11
THRU SEPTEMBER 1 TO INDIA, SRI LANKA, SINGAPORE
INDONESIA AND JAPAN. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISITS IS TO
INTENSIFY BILATERAL ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION,
TO STRENGTHEN TRADE RELATIONS AND TO IMPROVE INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THESE COUNTRIES WILL ALSO
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PLAY A SPECIAL PART IN THE DISCUSSIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. INDIA: LAMBSDORFF WILL VISIT INDIA FROM AUGUST
12-17. IN NEW DELHI HE WILL MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER
DESAI, AND THE MINISTERS FOR FINANCE & INDUSTRY, TRADE
AND STEEL. IN BOMBAY ON AUGUST 15, HE WILL ADDRESS THE
GERMAN-INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THE SUBJECT OF

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AFTER THE BONN SUMMIT.
MEETINGS ARE ALSO SCHEDULED WITH LEADING REPRESENTATIVES
FROM THE INDIAN ECONOMY AND GERMAN FIRMS IN MADRAS
AND BOMBAY.

3. SRI LANKA (AUGUST 17-19): THE SCHEDULED MEETINGS
FOR COLOMBO ARE WITH PRESIDENT JAYEWARDENE, PRIME
MINISTER PREMADASA AND THE FOREIGN, FINANCE AND TRADE
MINISTERS.

4. SINGAPORE (AUGUST 20-21): LAMBSDORFF WILL MEET
WITH PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW, THE FINANCE AND
FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF GERMAN FIRMS.

5. INDONESIA (AUGUST 21-25): IN ADDITION TO THE
BILATERAL ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, LAMBSDORFF WILL DISCUSS
FUTURE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EC AND ASEAN WITH
PRESIDENT SUHARTO, VICE-PRESIDENT MALIK AND RELEVANT
MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

6. JAPAN (AUGUST 27-31): IN TOKYO, LAMBSDORFF HOPES
TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA AND MANY MINISTERS
TO DISCUSS INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION FOLLOWING
THE SUMMIT. HE WILL ADDITIONALLY BE MEETING WITH
LEADING JAPANESE AND GERMAN BUSINESSMEN.

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7. COMMENT. WHILE NOTHING MUCH OF SUBSTANCE IS
EXPECTED FROM THE FIRST FOUR STOPS, LAMBSDORFF DOES
VIEW THE TOKYO VISIT AS AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO
SEE FIRST-HAND WHAT THE JAPANESE ARE DOING TO IMPLEMENT
THEIR PROMISES AT THE BONN SUMMIT. HE IS BEING
ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC
POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FRAU STEEG, AMONG
OTHERS, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THERE WILL BE A SERIOUS
DISCUSSION OF TRADE MATTERS, THOUGH WE HAVE LEARNED
OF NO SPECIFIC TOPICS FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH ECONMIN
SOURCES. END COMMENT.
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